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SUBJECT: SPECIAL M AND R - ROOF REPAIR TO QUARTERS
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04472, 05472, 06472, 09472, 10472, 11472,
13472, 16472, 19472

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1. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO REASSURE POST THAT WE WERE NOT BEING INDIFFERENT TO POST PROBLEMS IN SUGGESTING ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF REPAIRING ROOFS. OUR ACTION WAS MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO PROVIDE BEST OBTAINABLE LONG-RANGE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. AS REPORTED, REPORTS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT ON POLYURTHANE ROOF SYSTEMS DO NOT SUPPORT CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM OF LONG LASTING RESULTS WITH THIS TYPE OF AN OVERLAY ON EXISTING ROOFING. FOR INSTANCE, ESTIMATES OF DURABILITY FOR SUCH A SYSTEM BY NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS REPORT, DATED MAY, 1973, ARE NON-EXISTENT, WHILE NAVY ESTIMATES THREE TO EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE LIFE.

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2. SINCE POST IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN BIDS FROM LOCAL CONTRACTORS ON ROOFING JOBS RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT, POST IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT WITH GULF CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR REPAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSAL CONTAINED REF (A). POST IS AGAIN CAUTIONED THAT PROCESS IS

TECHNICALLY EXTREMELY INTRICATE AND MUST BE CONTROLLED AND PROPERLY SUPERVISED. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HERE THAT QUALIFIED CORPS OF ENGINEER PERSONNEL WOULD APPROVE SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION OF CONTRACTOR'S WORK. POST SHOULD ARRANGE FOR THIS SERVICE WITH CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

3. DEPARTMENT PREFERS A THREE-POUND DENSING FOAM APPLIED TO A MINIMUM THICKNESS OF ONE AND ONE HALF INCHES. THE POLYURETHANE FOAM SHOULD BE COATED WITH A CATALYZED SILICONE RUBBER WITH GRANULES, NOT WITH MIRACOTE WHICH IS A SWIMMING POOL PAINT. THE FOAM LAYER SHOULD SLOPE TO DRAINS IN ORDER TO PREVENT SURFACE WATER FROM PONDING.

4. ALLOTMENT XJ-4472, CODE 610, INCREASED DOLS. 12,965. DOCUMENT FOLLOWS.
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